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1. SCICOUNS HANDED VERESHCHETIN OF INTERKOSMOS, MARCH 21
LOVELACE/PETROV LETTER OF FEBRUARY 8 PER REFTEL. VERESHCHETIN
STATED THAT PETROV WILL BE OUT OF MOSCOW UNTIL MARCH 28 AND
SOVIET COMMENTS ON THE LOVELACE LETTER OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT BE
READY BEFORE THE DUE DATE FOR THE SECOND EXTENSION OF THE NASA-
USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES 1971 AGREEMENT. HE ASKED SCICOUNS TO
INFORM NASA THAT THE ACADEMY AGREES TO EXTENSION OF THE JANUARY,
1971 AGREEMENT, EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE LOVELACE LETTER AND
STATED THAT SOVIET COMMENTS ON IT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
VERESHCHETIN SAID THAT PETROV WILL TELEX ESSENTIALLY THE SAME
MESSAGE TO NASA UPON HIS RETURN TO MOSCOW.

2. VERESHCHETIN HANDED SCICOUNS THE RUSSIAN TEXT RESPONDING TO
THE NASA JANUARY 10 DRAFT FOR SHUTTLE-SALYUT AGREEMENT.
RUSSIAN TEXT WITH UNDERLINED CHANGES PROPOSED BY INTERKOSMOS
POUCHED TO NASA FOR ZOOK. ALSO BEING POUCHED IS SHEET
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VERESHCHETIN PROVIDED EXPLAINING THE CHANGES THAT INTERKOSMOS
PROPOSES.

3. PROPOSED CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS: (THIS IS INFORMAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION) (A)-TITLE-CHANGE "---IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE
OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES", TO "---IN THE FIELD OF
MANNED SPACE FLIGHTS".

EXPLANATION SHEET STATES "THE PROPOSED TITLE BETTER RESPONDS TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT SINCE THE TEXT CONCERNS ONLY COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF MANNED SPACE FLIGHTS. THE CHANGE IS ADVISABLE SO AS NOT TO CONFUSE THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SPACE AGREEMENT OF MAY 24, 1972." VERESHCHETIN ADDED ORALLY THAT INTERKOSMOS REALIZES THEY HAD PROPOSED THE ORIGINAL TITLE BUT HAD "RETHOUGHT" THE MATTER AND HAVE OPTED FOR THE MORE RESTRICTIVE TITLE.

(B) - CHANGE THE TITLE OF PARAGRAPH I FROM "---FLIGHTS OF LONG DURATION SALYUT-TYPE STATIONS AND REUSABLE "SHUTTLE" SPACECRAFT (SALYUT-SHUTTLE PROGRAM)", TO "---FLIGHTS OF A LONG DURATION STATION OF THE SALYUT TYPE AND A REUSABLE "SHUTTLE" SPACECRAFT".

THE EXPLANATION SHEET STATES "WE ASSUME THAT IN CARRYING OUT THE SALYUT-SHUTTLE PROGRAM, PARTICIPATION BY THE SOVIET SIDE WILL BE ONE STATION OF THE SALYUT TYPE."

VERESHCHETIN COMMENTED ORALLY THAT THIS CHANGE IS PROPOSED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ONLY ONE SALYUT WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT. WHEN ASKED BY SCICOUNS, VERESHCHETIN STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE MORE THAN ONE SALYUT IN SPACE IN THE 1980'S AT ONE TIME, BUT COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT. AS FAR AS U.S.

PARTICIPATION IS CONCERNED, THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MORE THAN ONE SHUTTLE BEING USED IF THE U.S. SO DESIRED. VERESHCHETIN UNDERLINED THAT HE EXPECTED THE PROGRAM WOULD RESULT IN MORE THAN ONE FLIGHT. HE ADDED THAT COOPERATION ON OTHER SALYUT TYPE STATIONS SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER AGREEMENTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(C) OMIT THE PARAGRAPH PROPOSED BY NASA CONCERNING THE ACCOMODATION OF PROPOSED PAYLOADS AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING, "ALONG WITH COMMON INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE OF DATA ON THE SHUTTLE AND SALYUT SPACECRAFTS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CARRYING OUT OF PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, EACH SIDE WILL EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF ACCOMODATION ON ITS SPACECRAFT OF PAYLOADS PROPOSED BY THE OTHER SIDE IN THE CARRYING OUT OF FLIGHTS UNDER THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT PROGRAM. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW BOTH SIDES WILL MAKE JOINT DECISIONS. THIS HAS IN VIEW THAT SUCH PAYLOADS SHOULD BE OF MUTUAL VALUE AND INTEREST."

THE EXPLANATION SHEET STATES "WE INTEND TO DELIMIT THIS UNDERSTANDING TO THE STUDYING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCOMODATION OF PAYLOADS ON THE MANNED SPACECRAFT OF THE OTHER SIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGAM WHICH IS ADDRESSED IN THIS SPECIFIC AGREEMENT. AS HAS HAPPENED EARLIER, (FOR EXAMPLE, THE "BION" SATELLITE) THE POSSIBILITY IS NOT EXCLUDED FOR SPECIAL

UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN BOTH SIDES (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OF MAY 24, 1972) ON THE ACCOMODATION OF PAYLOADS ON OTHER SPACECRAFT (OBEKT). HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD BE THE OBJECT OF A SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING AND DOES NOT DIRECTLY CONCERN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

(D) VERESHCHETIN ALSO NOTED THAT THE SOVIET DRAFT OMITTS NUMBERING FOR THE 2 JWG'S WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION THAT ONE JWG HAS PRIORITY OVER THE OTHER.

4. VERESHCHETIN SAID THAT IF NASA ACCEPTS THE CHANGES AS OUTLINED ABOVE, INTERKOSMOS WILL FORWARD 2 COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL RUSSIAN TEXT THROUGH THE EMBASSY TO NASA. NASA WILL THEN PREPARE AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION IN 2 COPIES. ALL 4 COPIES WOULD THEN BE SIGNED AT NASA AND RETURNED TO INTERKOSMOS FOR SIGNATURE BY PETROV. A SIGNED COPY OF BOTH THE ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN TEXTS WOULD THEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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